

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Housing Authority Office
March 17, 2011
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Mr. Long, Chairperson; Mr. Simonsen, Vice Chairperson; Mr. Eddy; Secretary and Treasurer; Ms Hall, Assistant Treasurer was excused; Ms Christison-Lagay Assistant Secretary; and Ms Fields, Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by the Chairperson.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion approved unanimously

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR

Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy to approve the February bills. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports –A (General)

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Ms Christison-Lagay to approve the December Financial Reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report-B (Section 8 Statistical Report)

A motion was made by Mr. Eddy and seconded by Mr. Simonsen to approve the February Section 8 Statistical Report. Motion approved unanimously.

REPORT FROM TENANT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Eddy reported that the survey to be sent to the Wright's Village residents sometime in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will be meeting next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ARRA Weatherization Program

Ms Fields reported that no further update had been received from Access Agency.

Call for Aid at Wright's Village

Ms Fields had no update to report.

Eslin v Mansfield Housing Authority

A law suit has been brought against the Housing Authority by Ms Karyn Eslin in connection with the Housing Choice Voucher Program. The liability insurance carrier is addressing the matter.

Ms Fields reported that after a consultation with a magistrate judge in Federal District Court among all parties on February 17, 2011, as part of a settlement agreement which has not been finalized, the landlord asked for a payment from the Housing Authority in the amount of \$3,000.00. HAP funds belong to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the use of those funds are regulated by federal law. Further, the agreement states that Ms. Eslin will be put back on the program and access to the program is also subject to federal law. The Board requested that Ms Fields write to the Program Center Coordinator of the Hartford HUD office to obtain legal guidance on the use of HAP funds for this purpose as well as whether it is legal for the Housing Authority to enter into such an agreement. Another consultation date with the magistrate judge has been set for April 5, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Simonsen and seconded by Mr. Eddy not to enter into any agreement or take any action on the request to pay \$3,000.00 to the landlord pending legal guidance from the HUD. Motion approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**Snow Plowing Policy**

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed. It will be placed on next month's agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Dexter Eddy, Secretary

Approved:

Richard Long, Chairperson